

The Family.

(For the Provincial Wesleyan.) FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH.

O Israel, awake, the Philistines Encircle with threatening our youth. Our Captain is calling for Christians To battle for virtue and truth.

The armour of many is rusty Who say they are soldiers of Christ. Such warriors never are sturdy, And cannot in warfare be prized.

The foe is intent on his mission. He seeks to disturb and devour. He tempts, and allures to perdition Effects more by cunning than power.

Awake, O ye sleepers in Zion, Awake, and to duty attend. The promise of Jesus rely on, His warriors He will defend.

Gird on all the armour provided, The panoply furnished by heaven, Go forth, tho' by the strong ones derided, Thy foes shall to ruin be driven.

Fear not, for thy glorious Commander, Has wisdom superior and strength, Thine enemies all shall surrender, And victory crown thee at length.

Undisturbed on his throne he still reigneth, And will reign till his foes be subdued; While thousands he daily constraineth, To enlist in the service of God.

The end of the struggle is nearing, For his foes there is final defeat; Fight on, tho' oft doubting and fearing, The victory will be complete. G. O. H. Canning April 1871.

LEAVES FROM A CHAPLAIN'S LOG.

—A DAY OF PERIL.

We are three days out. At 4 o'clock, P. M., the U. S. S. L., bearing the flag of Rear Admiral L., was close-hauled on the star-board tack, and just emerging from one of those sudden squalls which seem to find their peculiar home in the Gulf Stream.

"Hard down!" "Let down it is, sir." "Let go the life-boat!" "Clear away the life-boat!" "All gone, sir!"

"Main clew-garnets and bustines!" "Was there main brace?" "Look aloft there!" "Haul taut!" "Up mainmast!" "Brace aback!" "The ship was 'bove to' 'neath the mainmast!" "Messenger boy, report to the Admiral and Captain, a man overboard!"

"Who is it?" "One of the men, who was aft at the time, replied. 'It is R., sir. He was hauling in the logline, sir, and leaning on the pivot-post, sir, and it fell, and he went over.'"

"The men gave way" with a will. These followed those earnest moments of which life or death was hanging, and our words were few. Every eye followed the boat, and measured the distance between the black speck and it. Suddenly an officer who was watching the man with a glass exclaimed, "He has caught the life-boat! He is safe!"

"Yes, there he was! We could all make him out now, clinging to the buoy. Safe, thank God! as long as he clung to it, and we knew he would not loosen his hold. And that feeling of relief, which no words can describe came over us. We breathed again. The blood resumed its accustomed channels. Shortly after the boat picked up the man and the buoy, and the Admiral and Captain coming on deck, the order was given to fill away, and stand down to meet the boat."

While walking slowly up and down, pondering the perils and changes of life at sea, I was startled by an unusual sound, and looked up. The wheel was spinning round like lightning, and something going over it. A heavy thump against the deck on the other side, and a quick order, "Take that man below!" explained the matter. The wheel had got away from the four men holding it—"got adrift," they call it—from excessive pressure on the rudder, and righted itself. One of the men, an old quartermaster, held on, and was flung overboard. Fortunately, he was only stunned, and came to shortly after; a narrow escape, however, from instant death. He remarked, "It was like being shot from an eleven-inch gun, sir."

The Admiral afterwards told me that he, too, barely escaped an imminent peril. A heavy block fell from aloft, from the mizen rigging, as he was stepping on deck from the companion ladder, and almost grazed his head. Dangers have been thick about us all the day, but out of them all we have been delivered. There are thankful hearts on board the ship tonight; for here and there in our company are found those who are wise; and who, observing these things, see therein "the loving kindness of the Lord."

A LOVING HEART.

Sunny eyes may lose their brightness; Nimble feet forget their lightness; Pearly teeth may know decay; Raven tresses turn to gray; Cheeks be pale and eyes be dim; Faint the voice and weak the limb; But though youth and strength depart, Faithless is a loving heart.

Like the little mountain flower, Peeping forth in wintry hour, When the summer's breath is fled, And the gaudier flowers' dead; So when outward charms are gone, Brighter still doth blossom on, Despite time's destroying dart, The gentle, kindly loving heart.

Ye in worldly wisdom old— Ye who bow the knee to gold, Doth this earth as lovely seem As it did in life's young dream, Ere the world had crusted o'er Feelings good and pure before— Ere you sold at mammon's mart

The best yearnings of the heart?

Grant me, Heaven, my earnest prayer— Whether life of ease or care Be the one to me assigned, That each coming year may find Loving thoughts and gentle words Twined within my bosom's chords, And that age may but impart Ripener freshness to my heart.

TURNING POINTS OF LIFE.

The switch-tender was weary, and, as he sat at his post, his eyes were heavy, and he fell asleep. The train came thundering along, and as he neared the place, the man heard the whistle, and rose to adjust the switch for the train. He was just too late. He sprang aside; the cars moved on, were thrown from the track, and a scene of death and disaster was the consequence.

It was only a little switch. A bar of iron a few feet in length, which opened at one end only an inch, to allow the flange of the wheels to pass through the narrow way. Only a few seconds more would have placed the little bar at the right angle, and all would have been well. But the few seconds were lost; the little bar was out of place, and the train, with its invaluable freight of life and property, was nearly all buried in a mass of death and ruin.

A young man was once under a state of deep inquiry about his eternal interests. Two or three of his companions learned that he was going to prayer-meeting, and they determined to change his purpose. They persuaded him, only this once; to go to the accustomed place of resort. He finally yielded. They plied their arts of amusements, gaiety and pleasure, and bound him at last in the snares of a female companion. It was his fatal moment. In a few weeks from that time he had committed murder, and followed the deed with instantaneous self-destruction.

A young man had appointed to meet some friends to go to one of the public gardens in London on Sunday evening. While waiting at the place assigned for rendezvous in one of the streets, a Christian friend, a lady, passed by, and asked him where he was going. He was ashamed to confess his intention, and readily yielded to her invitation to go with her to church. It was the turning point with him. He was arrested by divine truth, was brought under a sense of sin, became a Christian—a faithful missionary, a devoted and exalted hero, an apostle of Christ—and died a martyr on the shores of the Eromanga, a victim to heathen rage, but a sacrifice of love to his Redeemer. It was John Williams the missionary.

A young man went to visit his friends on New Year's day, according to the custom of New York. He had abandoned the intoxicating cup. He had suffered from its evils, and was a sworn total abstainer. He uniformly refused to taste or handle, until he called upon a young lady, who, finding her invitations all declined, began to fester for a want of manhood, and plied her ridicule so far that he at last yielded. It was the setting of the switch. He was taken home in a state of intoxication, and a few months afterwards he died, uttering terrible curses upon the tempter who had been the cause of his ruin.

A young man who had been prayerfully trained came to the city to enter a place of business, his fellow-clerks invited him to join in their pleasures and pastimes. For a time he resisted, but at length he thought he would go to the theatre, only once, just to please his friends, and see what a theatre was. The devil was the switch-tender that night, and the course of that man subsequently lay through the paths of extravagance, gambling, shame and the grave.

Two young men were walking along one evening towards a prayer meeting, when they were accosted by several acquaintances who were on their way to a place of usual resort. They refused to attend to them, and turned aside, and turned aside, only once more, for an evening of worldly pleasure, and let his friend go to the prayer meeting alone. One found peace with God, but his companion became hardened, and in three months, while his associate on that faithful night was honoring his Master by his faithful and consistent life, he was the inmate of a prison, awaiting the penalty of the law.

Our life is full of these turning points of fortune and of ill, of peace and of woe, of life eternal, or of despair and death. The track we travel has a switch at almost every step. We need to have them well guarded. The eye must be kept open. The hand must be steady. The arm must be strong. The soul should be well armed, so that it may be prepared for every task, or for every expedient of the enemy. Life, honor, virtue, success and immortality, are before us. Little things, at first unaccounted of, may lead to the other extreme.

ONTARIO PROHIBITORY LEAGUE. The public have already been made aware, through the columns of the daily papers, that an association has been formed, having for its object the prohibition, by legislative enactment, of the sale of intoxicating drinks. It is felt by those engaged in the movement, that the public are entitled to a distinct statement, not only of the object of the Association, but also of the grounds on which its action is based, and the methods by which it proposes to accomplish its end in view. Preliminary to this a brief historical statement may be out of place.

For many years the question of total abstinence has been before the people of Canada, and the reform has been carried forward with varying success, but latterly the conviction has been deepening in the minds of many friends of the Temperance cause that moral suasion alone is insufficient to check the growing ravages of intemperance, that more stringent repressive measures must be adopted.

During the past few weeks a series of meetings in the Temperance interest have been held in Toronto, with a view of "arousing public sentiment in regard to the terrible evils of the liquor traffic, and the necessity of strong repressive measures." The last meeting of the series was held on the 31st ult., in the Music Hall, which was filled by an intelligent and enthusiastic audience. Various aspects of the Temperance question were presented in addresses, and when a proposition was made to organize the association on the basis of prohibition, pure and simple, the audience unanimously and heartily voted "Aye!" A call was then made for names, and in less than ten minutes over 80 signatures were given, with subscriptions amounting to over \$200.

A provisional council was then appointed to take the necessary steps for organizing the Association on a permanent basis. The council held its first meeting on the 5th inst., and appointed a sub-committee to prepare a constitution, and also a statement to be presented to the public concerning the object of the Association. The sub-committee having met decided upon the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. Name.—This Association shall be known as the "ONTARIO PROHIBITORY LEAGUE." 2. Objects.—To secure legislative enactment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors in the Province of Ontario, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and to cooperate with associations that may be formed in the other provinces, with a view of extending the principle of prohibition throughout the whole Dominion.

3. Membership.—The League shall be composed of all persons who agree to support prohibition, pure and simple, and who contribute to the fund of the Association \$1.00 or upwards per annum. 4. The officers of the League shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretaries, to be elected annually. In addition to the five Vice-Presidents elected by the members, all Presidents of Local Branches shall be ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the League.

5. The management of the work of the League shall be vested in a general council, to be composed of the Officers of the Association and of twenty-five other members, to be elected annually. The council shall appoint the time and place of its own meetings, and may, if judged expedient, appoint an executive committee to manage the business of the League, between the sessions of the general council. 6. Alterations or amendments to be made only at an annual meeting. Due notice of proposed amendments to be given to the council. As soon as 200 members are secure, the Provisional Council will call a general meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing permanent officers and council. Persons in any part of the province desiring to become members of the League, are requested to send their names and addresses to the Provisional Secretary, Mr. T. J. Wilkie, Toronto.

The Provisional Council earnestly recommends the immediate formation of a branch of the league in every municipality in Ontario. They wish it to be distinctly understood that the present movement is not designed to interfere with, much less to hinder, the work of existing temperance organizations. On the contrary, it is believed it will tend greatly to strengthen them; while the presentation of prohibition before the people, as a distinct issue, will tend to unite the friends of temperance everywhere for a common object.

The Council proposes to carry out the work by means of memorials to the Local and Dominion Parliaments, by Public meetings and addresses, by collecting and diffusing information in regard to the Liquor Traffic, throughout the whole country by availing themselves to the utmost possible extent of that great lever of public opinion—the press; and by calling to their aid that most potent agent in all moral reforms—the Christian Pulpit. Believing that the cause is founded upon right and justice, and that it stands intimately connected with the commercial prosperity, as well as with the moral and social well-being of this Dominion, the members of the council earnestly and confidently ask the co-operation of all good men and true; while they reverently invoke the blessing and direction of Him without whom no work can ultimately prosper.

On behalf of the Provisional Council. THOMAS NIXON, Chairman. REV. W. STEWART, B. A. REV. E. H. DEWART. THOS. J. WILKIE, Secretary.

WELLINGTON'S LAST WORDS. When the Duke of Wellington was sick, the last thing he took was a little tea. On his servant handing it to him in a saucer, and asking him if he would have it, the Duke replied—"Yes, if you please." These were his last words. How much kindness and courtesy are expressed by them! He who had commanded the greatest armies in Europe, and was long accustomed to the tone of authority, did not despise or overlook the small courtesies of life. Ah! how many boys do! What a rude tone of command they often use to their little brothers and sisters, and sometimes to their mothers! They order, and show a coarse nature and hard heart. In all your home-talk remember—"If you please" will make you better served than all the cross or ordering words in the whole dictionary. Don't forget three little words, "If you please."

"Speak gently; it is better far To rule by love than fear." M. P. Clenontport, May 5th, 1871.

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR. So called from Pope Gregory XIII., was completed in 1582. The Julian Calendar, which preceded it, was an approximation to the true time, and it made the year 11 minutes and ten thirty-fifths of a second too long, and this in 129 years would amount to a day. Consequently as the centuries went by, there had grown up a discrepancy of ten days between the Julian reckoning and the true time. There were ten days that needed to be dropped out. The Roman Catholic countries took the Gregorian Calendar as soon as it was made. In Scotland it was adopted in 1600, in the Protestant States of Germany in 1700, but in England it was not taken till 1752, when it became necessary to allow another day. It was fixed in England that the 2nd of September, 1752, should be immediately followed by the 14th. But the common people cried out against this, as though a great wrong had been done them. In Russia, where the Greek Calendar prevails, they have never taken the Gregorian Calendar, but still reckon by the Julian.

Obituary. THE OLDEST MAN IN BARRINGTON. Mr. James Doane was born Nov. 20th 1776, and died April 12th 1871; being in his ninety-fifth year; thus connecting the shadowy past with the living present. Godly training in infancy and youth was not lost upon him. Seven or eight summers only had passed over him, when during Freeman Garretton's pioneer visit to New Scotland's shore, the lad was dedicated in the name of the sacred Trinity to God and received his christening name. From the early morning till the eventide of life the fear of God was ever before James Doane.

His life was a beautiful exhibition of meekness, patience, faith, and consistent Christian deportment. He honored the Lord in word and deed and in fulfillment of the divine oracles the Lord honoured him. A letter written by his son giving some account of his father's life and the closing scenes of his days will more than corroborate the above remarks. The letter speaks as follows:— So long as I can remember, my deceased father has seemed to me, to be a pious man, exemplifying both by precept and practice his belief in the pure principles of christianity, but endeavouring to regulate his life and conduct, by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.

DIED, April 19th at Lakeville, Sundry N. B. Mrs. John Simmons, in the 70th year of her age. Our deceased sister was a native of Wilmot, Nova Scotia, and was led to the Saviour forty years ago, by the now sainted Rev. Arthur McNutt. Through all the intervening years she has been a member of our church in Sheffield, respected and beloved by all who knew her, as a true and faithful follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. For many years she has been feeble in health, and has frequently been to all human appearance brought to the very gates of death, but again and again has rallied, and lived to see her three score years and ten. For some two months she looked hourly for her summons, and when the messenger came, she was ready. Having taken an affectionate farewell of her family, she closed her eyes, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, to awake in glory.

The writer preached a sermon from the text, "We all do fade as a leaf," while brother Hamilton conducted the devotional exercises. The service was one of hallowed interest, and sorrow was felt to be out of place. And while we laid the aged saint in the grave, we felt to exclaim, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." ROBERT WILSON.

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SUNGLES. Sawed and Split Pine and Cedar Shingles, CABROARDS, PICKETS, LATHS, and JUNIPER POSTS.